

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

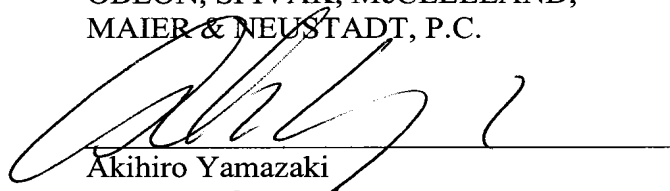
Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-29 are presently pending in this application, Claims 22, 25 and 27 having been amended for the multiple dependency and Claim 29 having been added by the present amendment.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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